

HOUSE BILL 81

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-52-201, relative to child safety in operation of off-highway motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-52-201, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) It is an offense for any parent or legal guardian of a person under eighteen (18) years of age to permit that person to operate or be a passenger on an off-highway motor vehicle, unless the person is wearing an appropriate helmet for off-highway vehicles. A parent or legal guardian commits an offense under circumstances indicating that the parent or legal guardian of the person under eighteen (18) years of age knew or should have known that the child is or would be operating, or is or would be a passenger on an off-highway motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.